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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Sen. Shelley Capito, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Enterprise Institute

Travel date(s): March 7-9, 2019

Destination(s): Sea Island, GA

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Charles Capito

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$217.50	\$912.62	\$127	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	(one-way airfare only)	(2 nights)	(2 breakfast) (1 lunch) (1 dinner)	

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

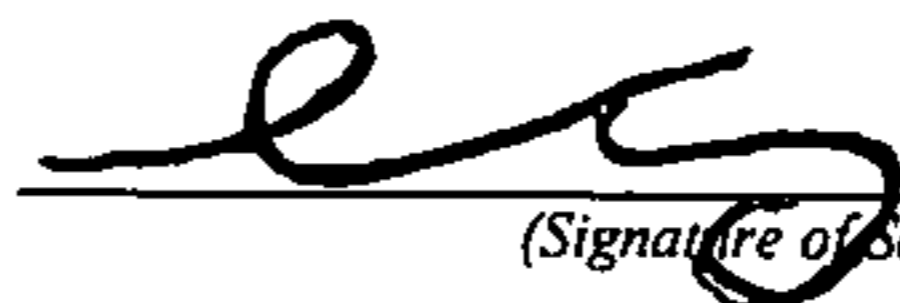
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<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$217.50	\$0	\$127	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	(one-way airfare only)	(lodging shared w/ spouse)	(2 breakfast) (1 lunch) (1 dinner)	

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Itinerary attached.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

March 18, 2019

(Date)



(Signature of Senator/Officer)



Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)

The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post are the three most prominent newspapers in the country. The editors of their editorial pages will reflect on the challenges of public debate in the current social climate and at a time of rapid change in the media industry.

2:00–3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions The Cloister

Gettysburg: Reexamining America's Turning Point

Giselle Donnelly

Gary Schmitt

The Battle of Gettysburg proved an epic turning point for the United States, for the world, and for the cause of human liberty. The men who met on the rich farmlands of Pennsylvania sensed the importance of the moment, yet they had little understanding of the course of rapidly passing events. The Gettysburg staff ride seeks, through individual role play and group discussion, to recapture the immediacy of decision-making in the "fog of war" and peer through the larger strategic, political, and moral lenses that have defined the American experience since.

3:15–5:00 p.m. Executive Time

5:00–5:30 p.m. Reception The Cloister

5:30–6:00 p.m. Dinner Conversation The Cloister

A Conversation with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Moderated by Sen. Tom Cotton

A conversation covering a wide range of topics essential to national security. What's the next step on Iran? Will we push back on Putin? How do we continue to keep ISIS on the run? Do we have a strategy for China? What's next with Venezuela and the Maduro regime?

6:15–7:45 p.m. Dinner The Cloister

8:00–9:00 p.m. Starlight Chats The Cloister

Why We Shouldn't Fear the Future: A Conversation with Astro Teller

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

In a conversation with Google's X laboratories' Captain of Moonshots, Astro Teller, Arthur Brooks will explore how the latest advances in technology research can complement public policy, how a major research organization approaches problem solving, and how leaders should be thinking about the impact of new tech developments in order to appropriately address societal suspicions about technology.

Saturday, March 9

7:00–7:45 a.m. Informal Breakfast The Cloister

8:00–9:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions The Cloister

Are We Making Progress on the Opioid Crisis?

Shelley Moore Capito

Cory Gardner

Josh Hawley

Kevin McCarthy

Rob Portman

Fred Upton

Hugo Gurdon (Moderator)

Invited: Martha McSally

The opioid crisis in America has taken a massive toll on communities across the country. It has devastated families, caused people to drop out of the workforce, and led to tens of thousands of deaths each year. How should policymakers respond to the crisis? How can we prevent abuse of legally prescribed opioids and end the trafficking of illegal opioids in our country? Join us for a discussion with members of Congress who have been fighting the opioid crisis in their communities back home and working on policies to help end the tragic proliferation and abuse of opioids in America.

9:45–10:45 a.m. Morning Keynote Conversation The Beach Club

VP to VP: A Conversation Between Mike Pence and Dick Cheney

Introduction: Arthur Brooks

The current and former Vice President will discuss the role of the VP and how the office interacts with and impacts policy.

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. General Session The Cloister

The Collapse of Trust: The Global Loss of Faith in Institutions

David Brooks

Ted Cruz

Mitch Daniels

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12:00 AM – Departure, The Cloister at Sea Island (personal vehicle, no flight)

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

March 6, 2019

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you and your spouse received to travel to the *American Enterprise Institute's World Forum*, in Sea Island, Georgia, on March 7-9, 2019, sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). AEI certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*¹ related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor an agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. AEI has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.²

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, AEI is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35. Necessary expenses may include travel expenses for the spouse or child of a Member if the Member determines that the attendance of the spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

Under Senate Rule 35, a Senator or officer who receives payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel must disclose those expenses to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-3), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

² The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *id.* at 2.

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Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a Member, on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sue Mayzer

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The American Enterprise Institute
2. Description of the trip: World Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative policy solutions with real-world impact.
3. Dates of travel: March 7-9, 2019
4. Place of travel: Sea Island, Georgia
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Sen. Capito, and the attached list of confirmed speakers.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR**
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

AND

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND**
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

OR

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

OR

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☐ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AEI organizes the trip and plans the agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on policy issues.

AEI is responsible for all the logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The World Forum seeks to encourage frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI expects the Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the 37th year of the World Forum. Each Forum, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation. Members from both the House and the Senate regularly attend.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AEI hosts around 250 public events each year. In addition to distributing other educational materials via online resources, including the AEI website and emails. These products cover a number of topics and seek to encourage the competition of ideas.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$740 (\$320 airfare, \$420 ground transportation) - ground transportation is only charged once per couple	MAX: \$1368.93 (\$456.31/night) - only charged once per couple	MAX: \$267.00 per person (3 Breakfst, \$27) (2 Lunch, \$33) (3 Dinner, 40)	N/A

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The hotel is in close proximity to East Coast and easily accessible by multiple airports.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Cloister at Sea Island

100 Cloister Drive, Sea Island, Georgia 31561

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel is in close proximity to East Coast and easily accessible by multiple airports.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see attached.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Commercial air travel - economy class

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Jessica Browning, Director of Special Events

Name of Organization: The American Enterprise Institute

Address: 1789 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone Number: 202.862.5853


Fax Number: N/A

E-mail Address: jbrowning@aei.org

10/25/2011 10:00 AM

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM.
SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the March 7-9, 2019 trip
to Sea Island, Georgia is true, complete, and correct.
Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)
Place of Travel

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Jessica Browning, Director of Special Events

Name of Organization: The American Enterprise Institute

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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Thursday, March 7

All Day	Registration
5:15–6:00 p.m.	Reception
6:00–7:45 p.m.	Dinner
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Starlight Chats

Friday, March 8

7:15–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts
8:45–10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	General Session
12:15–1:45 p.m.	Luncheon
2:00–4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Activities
5:00–5:30 p.m.	Reception
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Dinner Conversation
6:45–8:15 p.m.	Dinner
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Starlight Chats

Saturday, March 9

7:15–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts
8:45–10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	General Session
12:15–1:45 p.m.	Luncheon
2:00–3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
4:00–5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Conversation
5:00–5:45 p.m.	Reception
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Dinner Conversation
7:15–8:45 p.m.	Dinner

Sunday, March 10

8:30–10:00 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts
10:00 a.m.	Adjournment

2019 Speakers

ALEXANDER ACOSTA, US Secretary of Labor
 YOUSEF AL OTAIBA, United Arab Emirates Ambassador to the United States
 DAVID BROOKS, Columnist, *New York Times*
 ERIK BRYNJOLFSSON, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management
 SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, US Senate (R-WV)
 JEAN CASE, Chairman, National Geographic; CEO, The Case Foundation
 STEVE CASE, Chairman and CEO, Revolution; Cofounder, AOL
 ELAINE L. CHAO, US Secretary of Transportation
 DICK CHENEY, Former Vice President of the United States
 SUSAN COLLINS, US Senate (R-ME)
 TIM COOK, Chief Executive Officer, Apple Inc.
 JOHN CORNYN, Senate Majority Whip (R-TX)
 TOM COTTON, US Senate (R-AR)
 DAN CRENSHAW, US House of Representatives (R-TX)
 TED CRUZ, US Senate (R-TX)
 MITCH DANIELS, President, Purdue University
 JOHN K. DELANEY, Former US House of Representatives (D-MD)
 DOUG DUCEY, Governor of Arizona
 ELIZABETH ECONOMY, Director, Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
 MARTIN FELDSTEIN, George F. Baker Professor of Economics, Harvard University
 MIKE GALLAGHER, US House of Representatives (R-WI)
 PAUL GIGOT, Editorial Page Editor, *Wall Street Journal*
 JOSH GOTTHEIMER, US House of Representatives (D-NJ)
 MICHAEL GOVE, UK Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 LINDSEY GRAHAM, US Senate (R-SC)
 PHIL GRAMM, Vice Chairman, Lone Star Global Acquisitions Ltd.
 HUGO GURDON, Editorial Director, *Washington Examiner*
 BILL HASLAM, Former Governor of Tennessee
 KEVIN HASSETT, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
 JIM HIMES, US House of Representatives (D-CT)
 GLENN HUBBARD, Dean, Columbia Business School
 JOEL KOTKIN, Chapman University; Center for Opportunity Urbanism
 NICHOLAS KRISTOF, Op-Ed Columnist, *New York Times*
 BILL KRISTOL, Founding Director, Defending Democracy Together
 JON KYL, Former US Senator (R-AZ); AEI
 MIKE LEE, US Senate (R-UT)
 LEONARD LEO, Executive Vice President, Federalist Society
 YUVAL LEVIN, Editor, *National Affairs*
 MITCH MCCONNELL, Senate Majority Leader (R-KY)
 ROBERT NELLER, Commandant of the Marine Corps
 JIMMY PANETTA, US House of Representatives (D-CA)
 DAVID PERDUE, US Senate (R-GA)
 MIKE POMPEO, US Secretary of State
 ROB PORTMAN, US Senate (R-OH)
 DINA POWELL, Partner, Investment Banking Division of The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.
 MARTA LUCÍA RAMÍREZ, Vice President, Republic of Colombia
 WILBUR ROSS, US Secretary of Commerce
 NORMAN ROULE, CEO, Pharos Strategic Consulting LLC
 IAN ROWE, CEO, Public Preparatory Network
 BEN SASSE, US Senate (R-NE)
 ISABEL SAWHILL, Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution
 ANDREW SELEE, President, Migration Policy Institute
 MARTIN SELIGMAN, Director, Positive Psychology Center, University of Pennsylvania
 GENE SPERLING, Former Director, National Economic Council
 ELISE STEFANIK, US House of Representatives (R-NY)
 FRANCIS SUAREZ, Mayor, City of Miami
 THOMAS SUOZZI, US House of Representatives (D-NY)
 A. G. SULZBERGER, Publisher, *New York Times*
 LAWRENCE H. SUMMERS, Charles W. Eliot University Professor, Harvard University
 ASTRO TELLER, Captain of Moonshots, X
 FRED UPTON, US House of Representatives (R-MI)
 JOSEPH JAUSHIEH WU, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan)
 MARK ZANDI, Chief Economist, Moody's Analytics



WORLD FORUM

SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA

MARCH 7-10 2019

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Note: The information in this program and all AEI World Forum discussions are confidential and off-the-record.

2019 AEI World Forum



AEI's 2019 World Forum will address the challenges that the United States and its allies face in economics, security, and social welfare. The annual event is completely off-the-record and attracts top business and financial executives and entrepreneurs, as well as distinguished statesmen, scholars, and military leaders from around the world. Discussions of varying size are carefully structured to be candid, provocative, and informative. A premium is placed on lively debate, contrarian thinking, and solutions-oriented discussion.

Unencumbered by political or special interests, as always, the Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative solutions with real-world impact. AEI expects the World Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad. The mix of participants' knowledge, experience, savvy, and talent makes the World Forum a unique venue for insight and intelligence unavailable at any other gathering.

The event, held annually at The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia, is a private event for the purpose of encouraging a frank and free-ranging competition of ideas. Ample time is reserved for social events, sports and recreation, and private meetings. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend and participate in the Forum's discussions.

The 2019 World Forum agenda is currently in development. As an example, the 2018 agenda and participant list follow.



From March 7 to 10, 2019, all of Sea Island will be devoted to the AEI World Forum.

Located along five miles of private beach on the Atlantic coast, Sea Island has served as an unrivaled luxury resort and vacation and meeting destination since 1928.

Sea Island is only minutes from McKinnon St. Simons Island Airport, which services private aircraft.

Sea Island is located halfway between Savannah, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida, and is approximately a one-hour drive from both cities' international airports.

Thursday, March 8

All Day	Registration	The Colonial Lounge
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Reception	The Beach Club
6:00–6:10 p.m.	Introduction Tully Friedman	
	Welcome Arthur Brooks	
6:10–7:30 p.m.	Dinner	
7:45–8:45 p.m.	Evening Conversation A Conversation with Steve Ballmer Marc Thiessen (Moderator)	Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister
9:00–10:00 p.m.	Starlight Chats A Conversation with Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta John Bailey (Moderator) A Conversation with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Jeb Bush (Moderator) How America Bounces Back David Brooks Introduction: Ramesh Ponnuru	The Cloister

Shuttles will run between The Cloister, Beach Club, and Ocean Villas every day between 6:45 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. For pickup from your room, dial x5701.

Friday, March 9

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts A Conversation with Mayor Rahm Emanuel David Brooks (Moderator) A Conversation with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson Robert Doar (Moderator) A Conversation with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross Michael Strain (Moderator)	Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister
8:45–10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Building Skills and the Middle Class Alexander Acosta John Delaney Doug Ducey Joni Ernst David Perdue Todd Young Stan Veuger (Moderator) The New Empire Builders: China, Iran, and Russia Dan Blumenthal Mike Gallagher Michael Gove Gary Schmitt Niall Ferguson (Moderator)	The Cloister Many are ready to abandon the “college for all” model of success in America. But technological progress and globalization are barriers to achieving a middle-class life without attending college. How can public policy help people build the 21st-century skills necessary to enter the middle class? How can policy encourage participation in the workforce more broadly? What are the barriers and opportunities? Members of Congress who are on the front lines of this discussion will explore these issues and more. After World War II, there was the Cold War, then the unipolar US-led world. Now is the era of the rise of the revisionist powers—China, Iran, and Russia. Once great empires, these nations are led by imperial nostalgics bent not simply on accumulating power and wealth for themselves but also in changing the balance of power across the globe. Can they succeed? They already are.

Who Escapes Poverty, Opioid Addiction, and Bad Neighborhoods?

Mike Lee
Rob Portman
Sally Satel
J. D. Vance
Robert Doar (Moderator)

Many large and small communities across the country struggle with poverty, drug abuse, deteriorating neighborhoods, and failing schools. Yet some people manage to escape those conditions and move up the American ladder of prosperity. How do they do it when so many others do not? What lessons can we learn for better culture and policy?

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

General Session
2017: The Best Year in Human History?
The Cloister Ballroom

Elliott Abrams
Tyler Cowen
Nick Eberstadt
Phil Gramm
Glenn Hubbard
Sajid Javid
Frederick Kagan
Gene Sperling
J. D. Vance
Paul Gigot (Moderator)

Several narratives compete today about the state of the world. To believe the headlines is to believe that the world is on the brink of war and economic collapse and that misery is inexorably on the rise. Meanwhile, the numbers tell a different story: Fewer are hungry, fewer are dying of disease, literacy is on the upswing, more people are rising out of poverty, and there is more opportunity for all. At the same time, we see a menacing North Korea, waves of disease and famine across the Horn of Africa, and millions of refugees, more than at any time since World War II. Is the world improving or getting worse?

12:15–1:30 p.m.

Luncheon
A Conversation with House Speaker Paul Ryan
The Beach Club
Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

2:00–3:15 p.m.

Afternoon Sessions
Big Tech: Friend or Foe?
The Cloister
Erik Brynjolfsson
Bill Kristol
Eric Schmidt
Michael Strain
James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

Should we break up Big Tech? Have major tech firms become monopolies that require antitrust action? Have they become a threat to our culture, pushing young people out of the real world and into a virtual one? Are tech companies misusing brain science to hook you on their product? Is privacy dead, and are tech companies a threat to our democracy? Or is Big Tech one of the only bright spots in the US economy, fueling a revolution that will make all people better off?

A Conversation with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao

Karlyn Bowman (Moderator)

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session
Sci-Fi Weapons That Actually Exist Today: An Interactive Session on the Future of Warfare
Ocean Room, The Beach Club
Evan Hunt
Aaron Martin
Stephen Mueller
Mark Mulqueen
Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator)
Gary Schmitt (Moderator)

Lasers, artificial intelligence, sound waves, and directed energy: the future? The latest Terminator flick? Nope. These are the weapons of today. Join us to talk about how cutting-edge weaponry works, learn what it can do, and see the future of warfare. This is a show-and-tell session that your second-grade teacher could never have imagined. Participants will gain hands-on experience with some of the newest defense technology, including the opportunity to test out Lockheed Martin's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jet simulator and learn how to fly one of the most advanced planes in the US military. Experts from Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon will be available to answer questions and run the demonstrations.

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Recreation

4:30–5:15 p.m.

Pre-Dinner Conversation
A Conversation with Howard Schultz
Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister
Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

5:15–5:45 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister
6:00–7:30 p.m.	Dinner	
7:45–8:45 p.m.	Starlight Chats Baseball as Soulcraft George Will Introduction: Robert Castellini Gratitude Jonah Goldberg Introduction: Cliff Asness	The Cloister

Saturday, March 10

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts A Conversation with Kenneth Griffin Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator) A Conversation with National Security Advisor H. R. McMaster Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator)	Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister
8:45–10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Crisis in the Gulf Elliott Abrams Yousef Al Otaiba Ryan Crocker Ken Pollack Ali Shihabi Danielle Pletka (Moderator) Is the US Military Ready for the Return of History? Mackenzie Eaglen Martha McSally Jimmy Panetta Mac Thornberry Ray Washburne Gary Schmitt (Moderator) President Trump's First Year: Has His Economic Policy Been a Success? Doug Elmendorf Glenn Hubbard Justin Muzinich Richard Scott Gene Sperling Michael Strain Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator) The Rise of the Machines Erik Brynjolfsson Tyler Cowen Eric Hanushek Ben Sasse James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Cloister A new king in Saudi Arabia, a frustrated emir in the United Arab Emirates, an Iran empowered by the lifting of sanctions, conflict on the ground from Syria to Libya to Yemen and beyond, and Russian military agreements proliferating across the region. What could go wrong? A lot. American allies in the Gulf are alarmed and are reshaping both their own region and their attitudes toward their neighbors, Islamists, and the region's ancient conflicts. America's post-Cold War hiatus from history is over, as the Pentagon's new National Defense Strategy makes clear. Great power competition is now Washington's primary strategic concern. But is the US military ready to fight and win potential conflicts against revisionist states? How should Congress resource and oversee the institutions of national security as they retool for a newly complex world order? The effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act failed, but tax reform was signed into law. How should we judge the state of health and tax policy? And what does the coming year hold for infrastructure, immigration, and welfare reform? Will the robots take our jobs? As technology advances, will human workers become obsolete? ATMs, automated checkout machines, and your Outlook calendar all suggest cause for concern. The standard answer is that all technology was once new technology and that businesses have always employed human beings. But will this time be different? And how should policy respond?

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<p>General Session Is Democracy in Crisis? Ted Cruz Martin Feldstein Niall Ferguson Michael Gove Danielle Pletka Michael Strain Lawrence Summers George Will Chuck Todd (Moderator)</p>	<p>The Cloister Ballroom</p> <p>For the 12th year in a row, democratic freedoms are receding around the world. Polling data reveal alarming declines in support for representative democracy at home and abroad. And both populism and nationalism, often tinged with authoritarian sympathies, are resurgent. Has democracy exhausted itself? Or do ascendant political attitudes merely constitute a bubble, soon to burst?</p>
12:15–1:45 p.m.	<p>Luncheon A Conversation with Henry Kissinger Danielle Pletka (Moderator)</p>	<p>The Beach Club</p>
2:00–3:15 p.m.	<p>Breakout Sessions Is 3 Percent Growth a Pipe Dream? Robert Barro Martin Feldstein Glenn Hubbard Lawrence Summers Mark Zandi Stan Veuger (Moderator)</p> <p>The North Korean Threat: Is There a Solution? Nick Eberstadt Richard Ellings Oriana Skylar Mastro David Maxwell Dan Blumenthal (Moderator)</p> <p>Securing and Growing Our Digital Future John Cornyn Jeb Hensarling Kevin McCarthy Fred Upton James Pethokoukis (Moderator)</p> <p>When the Kids Do Not Grow Up: Is Prolonged Adolescence a Threat to America's Future? Karlyn Bowman Thomas Edsall Jonah Goldberg Ben Sasse Naomi Schaefer Riley Ryan Streeter (Moderator)</p>	<p>The Cloister</p> <p>What is the current state of the US and international economies? How should the Federal Reserve respond? Will the Trump administration's economic policies increase economic growth, productivity, and wages? Will we get to sustained 3 percent growth?</p> <p>Under the watchful eye of the international community, young Kim Jong Un has advanced both North Korea's nuclear weapons program and its missile delivery capabilities. Those who wonder at the gravity of the threat need only see that the People's Republic of China has signed up to the United Nations Security Council's imposed sanctions on Pyongyang. No one wants nuclear war. And harsh punishments seem to have little impact. Should the world give up on a nuke-free North Korea? Or can Kim Jong Un be compelled to surrender his nuclear arsenal?</p> <p>How do we secure our digital future? Especially in key sectors such as financial services, this is a critical question. But our efforts to protect information must not stifle growth in digital services and the innovations and improvements that come with it. How do we strike this balance? And how do we ensure that broader federal regulations are crafted in a way that allows the digital sector to flourish? Join our panel of distinguished members of Congress to discuss these important issues.</p> <p>Teenagers today are more depressed and lonely than ever before. Suicide is at an all-time high. Growing numbers of young people view democracy and free enterprise skeptically. Millennials seem to care less about family and faith than their parents and grandparents did. How much should we worry about these trends? Are there other positive trends that balance them out and give us hope?</p>
3:30–5:00 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Recreation</p>	
4:00–5:00 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Session Populism and Conservatism in the 21st Century J. D. Vance Introduction: Ryan Streeter</p>	<p>Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister</p>

5:30–6:00 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Dinner Conversation	Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister
	A Conversation with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell	
	Arthur Brooks (Moderator)	
7:15–8:45 p.m.	Dinner	
9:00–10:00 p.m.	Starlight Chat	The Cloister Ballroom
	From Strength to Strength: Finding Happiness and Success at Every Stage of Life	
	Arthur Brooks	
	Introduction: Daniel A. D'Aniello	

Sunday, March 11

8:30–10:00 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfast	Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister
	A Conversation with UN Ambassador Nikki Haley	
	A Conversation with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt	
	Bret Baier (Moderator)	

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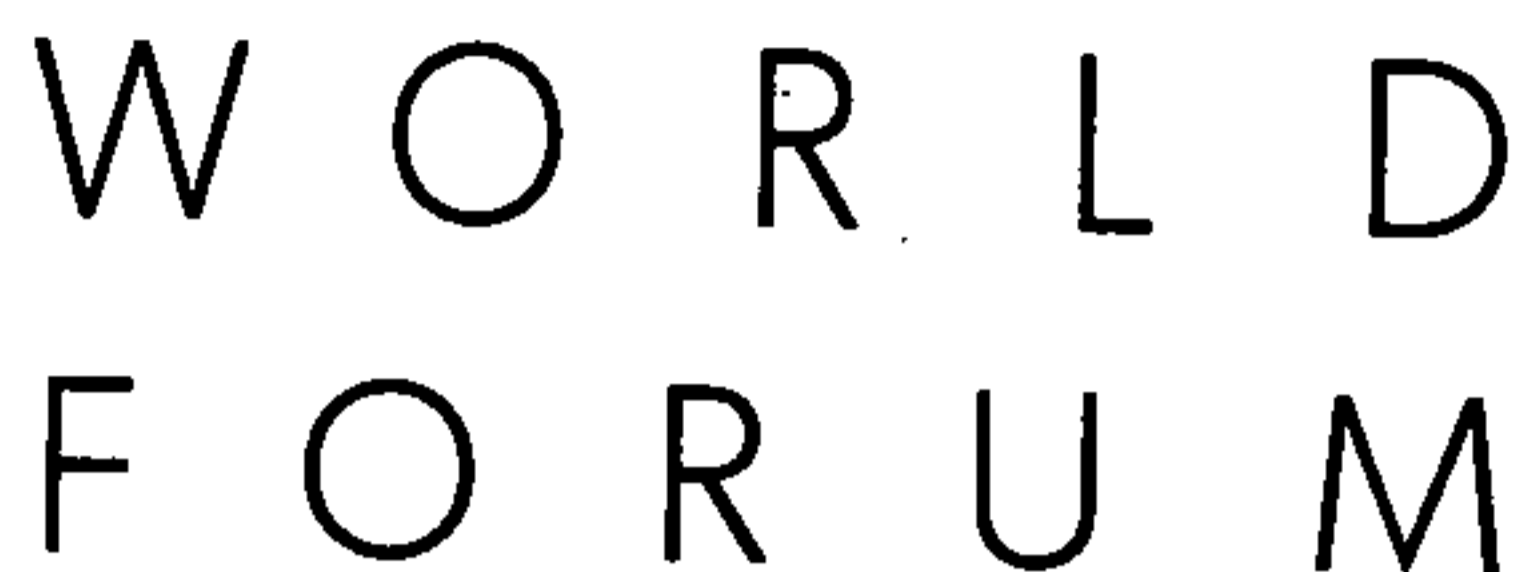
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